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HONOUR a Physician with the honour due unto him for the uses which ye have of him; for the Lord hath created him. For of the Most High cometh healing, and He shall receive the honour of the king . . . The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth; and he that is wise will not abhor them. Was not the water made sweet with wood, that the virtue thereof might be known? And He hath given men skill, that He might be honoured in His marvelous works. With such doth He heal men, and taketh away their pains . . .

My son, in thy sickness be not negligent: but pray unto the Lord and He will make thee whole. Leave off from sin, and order thy hands aright, and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness . . . Then give place to the Physician, for the Lord hath created him: let him not go from thee, for thou hast need of him. There is a time when in their hands there is good success. For they shall also pray unto the Lord that He would prosper that which they give for ease and remedy, to prolong life.

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THE 4TH AND 5TH DEGREES

(In Preparation for Entrance into the 6th and 7th Degrees)

ALL HEALING IS DIVINE

*B*eloved Companion:

All healing originates with God, and so all healing is
Divine Healing.

Three kinds of healing are known: first, that which comes by direct contact with Almighty God, the miraculous healings; second, that which comes slowly, steadily, without the use of medication, but through prayer, rest and change - the "Getting Well" process; and third, that which comes through the aid of a physician or surgeon, or medicine.

Prayer and faith may be exercised in all three methods of healing. "He that believeth and is baptised (initiated, or born again) shall be saved ...and these signs shall accompany them that believe: in My name shall they cast out evils; they shall speak with authority; if they are bit by serpents and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and the sick shall recover." (Mark 16:17,18). "And the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick." (James 5:15).

Healing is a subject which is difficult to transmit by the written word unless the student is in complete harmony with his transmitter. This is true for several reasons. The chief difficulty is because there is so much that is incorrect, but commonly accepted, about "Faith" Healing. The next greatest difficulty is to convince the student that he HAS the power available to him at all times. The third difficulty, and by no means least, is to judge the degree of FAITH the student possesses. If his faith is perfect there is NO CONDITION too difficult to be blessed with healing. But if his faith is less than perfect and if, instead of faith, he tries to substitute "will-power", that is, if he tries to attain faith by merely affirming it with determination, no matter how strong his determination - his will-power - as long as even a little doubt exists privately in his mind, there is danger of failure. Many tragedies have occurred through the years as a result of this last condition. Newspapers have carried many stories of people refusing medical aid while they tried to force a faith they did not have and then, suddenly it was too late.

Therefore, let me impress upon you again: the Mayans teach that it is no confession of lack of complete faith to resort to medicine or surgery.

Prayer and faith work with them as well as without them. There are many conditions where it is as unwise to refuse surgery as it would be to accept surgery and refuse prayer. This Precept should be well understood by all Mayan Ministers of Healing.

Prayer definitely has its place, even when surgery or medical treatment is resorted to. Few doctors are atheists. Those few should be avoided for atheism is prima facie evidence of that person's inability to observe well or to think deeply. A doctor worthy of the name loves to be the instrument of healing. His experience will draw him inevitably toward God. His observations of the mysteries of life will make him religious whether he attends church or not.

A prayer for use by Mayan Healers or Physicians is found in the Collects and Prayers. It follows:

O LORD, THE HEALER of all our diseases, Who knowest how the sick have need of a physician: Bless all whom Thou hast called to be sharers in Thine own work of healing, with health alike of body and of soul: that they may learn their art in dependence upon Thee, and exercise it always under Thy sanction and to Thy glory; Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, One God, world without end. Amen.

Soldiers who have come back from the battlefronts, men who have seen countless other men die, know the sudden, mysterious change that takes place in the body when a man dies. It is not necessarily a visible change that occurs at the moment of death. The sufferer may have been unconscious for a long time, the spark of life barely continuing. But the instant of death is unmistakable. It is something our spirit recognizes rather than a visible change. One moment there is life in the body even though it is ebbing fast; the next there is no life, only the inert mass of the body.

We look at the face and note with dismay the lifelike expression. Little lines we had not been aware of before settle into the face and slightly alter the familiar expression.

We look at the hands lying still now and relaxed, and we think of the countless tasks those hands have performed. The muscles are still apparent, the veins, the callouses, - but something has gone out of them, the quickness is no more.

Our brains, our minds, can hardly grasp this strangeness. Our intellect tries to tell us nothing is changed, it is the same; perhaps death has not come; perhaps this is some awful counterfeit of death. But something tells us, something in our spirit recognizes that the spirit has left that body, - has gone from the mortal plane into the higher life of full FREEDOM.

We sorrow in the parting that leaves us behind. We rejoice in the better life that dear spirit has entered, but while we rejoice for them, we

sorrow in the parting that leaves us alone.

Alone? Not exactly alone. If we are sensitive, we soon feel an awareness of a presence that seems part memories and part imagination.

If we are thoughtful we realize that the spirit is eternal, as is Soul and Mind. The real BEING of our dear one is alive and with us as much as ever. We are cut off only on the physical plane. We who are now aware almost entirely through our physical senses, can only dimly be aware of those who have become wholly above and beyond the physical. We who live mainly in the physical, find it very difficult to free our conceptions of the known physical limitations by which we are still bound, but of which our friend is now free.

It is hard sometimes for us to realize that they still live; that they live now more than ever, for we stand looking at the inert physical body left behind. That body is but a chrysalis, like a cocoon left behind while the glorious, freed BEING soars into a new life of glory.

These things should be realized by Mayans and they should become your Precepts. In them is the only comfort for the bereaved.

It is built into us to fight off death even though we believe such things fully. It has been said, "Self-Preservation is the first law of Nature."

As we know from observation it IS a law, so we also know from experience that it is right.

Therefore, it is right to fight off death, to seek healing, to recognize that sickness is a negative thing to be avoided.

It is foolish to deny that there is sickness or that pain hurts - foolish in the ordinary sense. To simply deny them without understanding what we do can, and sometimes does, work great mistakes.

Your previous lessons have covered this point in considerable detail and with many instances, be sure you understand them.

There is a way, and ways, in which affirmations of health work, and work most miraculously.

But it is a mistake to use them without faith; merely as a vehicle of Will-Power. It is a mistake to attempt to heal by Will-Power alone. Attempting to do so will very often cause the opposite effect. Memorize this also as a Precept in healing.

Yet, the Will to get well must necessarily be present.

You know of instances where a paralyzed person escaped from a burning house by a seemingly super-human effort of Will. Or a person almost drowned but at the last moment, by an effort of Will, keeps on struggling and reaches

the shore. There are many similar instances.

Jesus frequently asked those who sought healing, "Is it thy will to be healed?"

How, then, is the Will to get well necessary and yet dependence upon Will-Power unwise?

The answer is very simple.

It is summed up in the Mayan Precept: "In any contest between Will-Power and Imagination - no matter how strong the Will-Power - Imagination will always win."

Remember though that in the above we are speaking of the exertion of Will-Power. The sort of exertion where one stubbornly goes on into the very face of what he believes to be the facts. And which ARE the facts, as far as he is concerned.

How, then, does it happen that the drowning man WAS saved, the paralytic DID walk? Simply because IN ADDITION to Will-Power, far superseding it in fact, was the OVERWHELMING DESIRE to escape.

That is what Jesus meant when he asked, "Is it thy will to be healed?" Is it thy wish to be healed? Is it thy desire? When the desire is strong, it sets the imagination to work - the CREATIVE IMAGINATION. When the desire is strong it opens up the Power of the Sub-Conscious. When Desire is overwhelmingly strong IT BECOMES A PRAYER.

Furthermore, it is a Prayer of complete FAITH.

When Desire is overwhelmingly strong there is no time nor space for doubt. It is an Urgent Call with every faculty of the WHOLE BEING behind it. It brooks no doubts. It ignores the "possible" and "the impossible" alike. When it is present, miracles ALWAYS occur.

Study this so that you will surely know the difference between the Will to get well and using Will-Power to get well. Not understanding it is one of the great stumbling blocks in the successful use of affirmations.

As an illustration of a good affirmation which is often misused, let me remind you of the great Dr. Coue's famous line, "Every day, in every way, I am growing better and better." Millions of people used that affirmation in the heyday of the good French doctor. Thousands were healed, thousands grew better, but hundreds who used it got worse, BECAUSE they used it as an effort of Will-Power.

There was a case that I recall which happened in Chicago and illustrates what can happen. Mrs. G_____ and her family were Christian Scientists. They knew something about affirmations, but not enough. When Dr. Coue came to Chicago they attended his lectures which, while they were opposed to Christian Science to a degree, sounded as though they were basically the same.

Now, Mrs. G_____ had a young brother whom Christian Science had not helped. He suffered from severe headaches continually and friends and other relatives pleaded that he be taken to a physician.

Mrs. G_____ would have nothing to do with physicians. She firmly stated over and over again (without properly understanding) that "pain is an error", that her brother was suffering "a claim", but that "by faith he WOULD be healed and in NO OTHER WAY."

After hearing Coue's lectures she was more determined than ever. She had her brother repeat the famous affirmation, adjuring him to WILL that he was getting well. (The exercise of Will-Power, by the way, was NOT Coue's method).

The first trouble was that her brother WAS sick and he KNEW he was sick. He HAD pain and he KNEW the pain HURT. "It hurts", he would say, and thus affirm the pain. Then he would try to affirm there was no pain; he would say the words and WILL the pain away. Then he would sort of feel himself mentally and find the pain still there, and that, of course, made a second affirmation that the pain existed.

Two affirmations of pain for every one that there was no pain.

Naturally, the young man grew worse and eventually died. After his death, an examination showed that he suffered from a brain tumor. The sister was arrested for refusing her brother medical attention but was later released.

How much better it would have been if this well-intentioned Christian Science sister had called in the doctors; had an examination made and realized her brother's condition. Brain tumors, like any other kind of tumor, CAN be healed through Prayer and Affirmations of course. But usually when a brain tumor is present, the "switchboard to the mind" is not functioning properly. If the mental processes are not functioning well, real prayer or proper use of affirmations by the subject himself is, to say the least, difficult.

How much better in cases like this to turn it over to physicians and HELP THEM HEAL, and help the patient, too, with Prayers.

All healing is Divine Healing.

Health is the natural state of man. Healing is simply to allow health to flow in by removing those artificial or unnatural obstacles which block the flow of life.

In all of Nature there is a perfect equilibrium. If an atom is exploded certain energies go forth and are absorbed in other bodies where they become a part of other energies. If a planet explodes, certain energies go forth and are absorbed in other planets where they become a part of other vast heavenly spaces. The individual planet or atom or person may get out of equilibrium, but never Nature itself. Such is the perfect Harmony of

God, for God is All and All is God.

Therefore, take to yourself this Precept also: Cause and Effect are in perfect balance, everywhere, always.

Sometimes it is very difficult to perceive the Cause. Sometimes the Cause is visible when the Effect is difficult to observe. But nowhere throughout Creation is Cause and Effect more readily evident than in problems of health.

It could be said that 98% of all human illness finds its beginning in a state of mind. The state of mind lowers our resistance to parasites, to germs; it interferes with the proper ingestion and digestion of our food, or it produces unnatural tensions in parts of the body or brain.

The physicians of today would be aghast if I were to state before a medical symposium that even such things as tumorous growths are caused by an habitual state of mind.

Yet, it is a truth known to Mayans that most tumors ARE simply the result of a certain state of mind. A habit of worry, of fear, produces a physical tension. This tension usually focuses in one area of the body, often in the female organs, or in the intestines.

As the tension becomes habitual (the state of mind) and as it habitually focuses in one area, there gradually occurs a tearing of the muscles or the flesh there, and a spot is formed for the future growth of a tumor.

Nature's method for repairing a hurt is to send lymph in the blood stream to the injured area. The lymph, in its ordinary duties, repairs the damaged cells, forms flesh or a scar tissue. But, because the tension in that area is habitual, soon a new tear occurs. When this happens, more lymph is dispatched to the area and this is repeated thousands of times.

Eventually the patch of scar tissue has grown to such a size that of its own bulk it produces further injuries with each motion of the body and thus draws to itself more lymph. And with each flow of lymph it grows. With each degree of growth it makes itself felt and produces more tension in the area, and thus draws to itself more lymph. In time its rate of growth may become very fast and the one who has it knows "something" must be done.

A cycle has been created. From a tense, nervous state of mind a tumorous growth has been set up, and now the tumorous growth has become so uncomfortable that IT is the cause of a nervous state of mind and further tension.

When the patient can be gotten completely out of the habit of tension, the nervous state of mind, the tumor usually begins to subside. If a calm attitude of mind and freedom from tension can be made habitual, the tumor begins to starve. It grows less. Other bodily chemicals attack it. In time it may pass away entirely. Sometimes, in miraculous healings, tumors leave instantaneously. Many such cases have been reported to the Mayan Chapel of Prayer.

What the body can create the body can also heal.

However, you can see that it is much more difficult for the patient to attain perfect calm and relaxation now, after the growth has become large, strangling and bothersome, than it would have been in the early stages. You can perceive too, why an exercise of Will-Power would only increase the tension which is already habitual and direct more and more attention to the illness.

On the other hand, you can also see how much help would be derived from prayer, the soothing, calm assurance of God's love, the harmony within, that comes with Faith. Certainly the prayerful life can greatly help the sufferer.

Indeed, it can heal. But physical quiet and relaxation are necessary too. One cannot work hard physically, run about and attend to a thousand details for many people and avoid tension. What is a person in such a position to do, then? It would seem obvious that a resort to surgery should be had. But, surgery combined with prayer.

All healing is Divine.

The new philosopher, Manly Hall, in a recent writing followed these thoughts with some observations of his own. He says, "Diabetes, in my experience, is often associated with a reaction to the circumstances of life. The individual who demands of others a degree of perfection absent within himself, and then builds up from his disappointments a negative and cynical disposition, is an easy victim of both diabetes and kidney trouble.

"Disposition (state of mind) reacts strongly on the body, disordering its functions and," says Hall, "even attacking the structure itself. It is impossible for the person to escape the consequences of his own attitudes, as these attitudes affect his bodily harmony."

"I have been able to assemble a large number of case histories", Mr. Hall continues, "which indicate that cancer is a grief disease. Grief eats up the normal optimism of human nature, producing in the consciousness a condition identical with that which cancer sets up in the body. As women are more likely to nourish in silence the grieving of their hearts, the ailment is particularly prevalent among them. In three cases that I know of, a deep, self-censoring remorse was followed within a year by cancer of the breast, and in each case history no cancer was known in the heredity."

"Rheumatism and arthritis are present in personalities who find it difficult, or who are incapable of adjusting to change. Chronic stomach trouble," Mr. Hall observes, "is most frequently found among the worriers and those whose feelings are easily hurt. While all sickness cannot be traced to disposition, it can be said with accuracy that all persons with bad dispositions are sick."

Well, my Companions of the Healing Ministry, in the preceding few pages you have been given the kernel of a whole new system of therapeutic

science. Perhaps one of you will take these thoughts and develop from them such a science for the benefit of the world of man. You will observe how logically the daily practice of Prayer fits in with these discoveries.

We need not be concerned about - nor need those we treat be concerned about - the matter of Faith. Faith is necessary for Prayer to work but Faith cannot be Will-Powered into existence. So just don't trouble yourselves about Faith. When we perceive behind visible nature an All-Embracing Principle of Good, accomplishing all things through calm, strong wisdom and Power and beauty, we free our minds from all doubts concerning Providence. When, by our own observation, we discover the certainties, when we discover the freedom from doubt, we then HAVE the SURE FAITH that bestows immediately and forever to our mind, harmony and peace.

This is healing.

It is the way of the Mayans, - it is your way; it is the way of all true physicians since the first great physician; since Hippocrates, the father of medical science.

And now, with this Mayan Monograph in your hands and in your intellect, you have all but completed your journey on the paths of the Fourth and Fifth Degrees. You are a Minister of Mayan Meditation. Immediately ahead looms another door, - open to you, the Sixth Degree; and then your joyous entrance through The GREAT Portal, into the SEVENTH DEGREE. This is the Degree that all true Mayans long to attain. It will not be withheld from you.

The Companions gather silently even now to prepare for your Initiation into the Sixth and SEVENTH Degrees. It is not so many out of those who originally started on the Mayan Path who are to receive these honors. For each step of the way that brings you nearer to The Mysteries, some have been overwhelmed, some have paused by the wayside. Each Higher Degree is open to fewer of our original Companionship. Therefore, it is with Honor and with Joy that we welcome you forward into the SEVENTH Degree of the Mysteries of The Mayans - the rites are being made ready now.

May The Father Richly Inspire You and Bless You.

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